

SPECIALS TO THE APPEAL.

FIRE BUGS PLAYING HAVOC IN COLUMBUS.

Bob Gates Does Memphis Proud in the Field Trials—News From Neighboring Towns.

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COLUMBUS, MISS., December 3.—Fire-bugs have made their appearance in our city. Last night the entire department was called out three times. The only damage done, however, was the burning of a large barn with hay and grain. The loss is about \$1000, insured for \$500. Bales of rags saturated with oil were found at other places where fire was started. The Mayor has offered \$100 reward for the apprehension of the fiends.

Our election for Mayor and Councilmen will be held Monday, the 6th instant. Four candidates for Mayor have been announced: L. D. Kersey, a lawyer; R. E. Moore, one of the largest planters of the county; L. L. Goodrich, of the drug firm of Goodrich & Street, and H. M. Lancy, who is at present City Marshal. The contest will be close and a full vote will be polled. Good feeling has prevailed so far.

It has been raining all day and the water freezing as fast as it fell. The trees are all loaded down with ice.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The President Ill—The Telephone Suit—Congressman Clements Married—Senator Turner.

WASHINGTON, December 3.—The President caught a cold in moving about the house yesterday, and was suffering more severely from his rheumatism today. He concluded, for this reason, not to leave his room. Rumors were current that his illness was more serious, but Col. Lamont states that these were entirely unfounded. The present attack, he said, was not sufficiently severe to justify consulting a physician.

Solicitor General Jencks, ex-Solicitor General and the Hon. J. E. Clements, left last evening for Columbus, O., to confer with ex-Senator Thurman, also one of the government counsel, as to the next legal steps to be taken with regard to the Bell Telephone case. It appears the counsel are divided on the question whether the case should be taken to the U. S. Supreme Court or commence a new action in the courts of Massachusetts. The conference of counsel will determine the next steps to be taken.

Representative Clements stopped in Louisville yesterday, and will return to his city, and married a wife, whom he will bring to the capital with him. The bride, Miss S. Dulaney, is the sister of the wife of Representative Willis. Mr. Clements is the man who defeated the Georgia Independent, Wm. Fenton, for Congress.

The report that Minister Jarvis has returned from Brazil to lay the foundation of a contest against Senator Ransom for the seat now occupied by the latter, is denied by friends of both parties.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

Chancery Court—The Vote of the State—Bank's Arrival—120 Bales of Cotton Burned.

NASHVILLE, TENN., December 3.—The Nashville Bar met today and memorialized the incoming Legislature to change the time of holding Chancery Court back to April and October as under the old law, instead of January and July. Cancellor Allison was petitioned to keep open the present term during December, and will do so, thus enabling lawyers to push through their cases so as to have January for the Supreme and other court work.

The famous lithographic stone quarries lying along the line between Clay and Overton counties have been purchased by a wealthy corporation, headed by W. N. Haldeman, of Louisville Courier-Journal. They have several tons at Celina on the wharf ready for shipment.

The Banner has made up the vote in the last election in the grand divisions. It shows that East Tennessee gave Alf Taylor 17,328 majority, against 18,659 for Reed. Middle Tennessee gave Bob Taylor 23,744, against 22,105 for Bate. West Tennessee gave Bob Taylor 10,357, against 3479 for Bate. The total vote, fell 6149, compared to two years ago, fell 6149. East Tennessee, 6683; Middle Tennessee, 8187. He will take charge of the United States Circuit Clerkship on the 15th.

A disastrous fire occurred at the Decatur depot warehouse today, destroying or damaging 120 bales of cotton and burning several flat cars. Eighty bales of cotton were totally destroyed. The fire is thought to have been started by a spark from a passing engine. Henry Jolly, a colored fireman, fell and broke his leg. Loss, \$40,000; insured.

ABERDEEN, MISS.
A Mail Carrier Foully Murdered.
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ABERDEEN, MISS., December 3.—From an authentic source we learn that on the 1st inst. William Underwood, the mail carrier from Hamilton to Haley, was foully murdered by unknown parties and the mail bags rifled of their contents. Haley is twenty miles east of Hamilton. Underwood was shot in the breast and back with buckshot. There is no clew.

HIGH POINT, N. C.

Bob Gates, of Memphis, Wins Every Thing.

HIGH POINT, N. C., November 3.—Bob Gates and Fannie W. finished their unfinished heat of yesterday. Bob had the advantage in speed and range and outworked Fannie on birds. Fred W. and Sloum then competed. The latter ranged badly. Fred W. had the better range and speed and found the birds, but acted so badly that he lost the heat.

Gloster and Belle ran a short heat. They were about equal in speed and range. Gloster had the advantage in style, and outworked Belle and won the heat.

Chance and Daisy F. then competed. They were about equal in speed, range and style. Daisy had a slight advantage in work on birds. It was a very close heat. Daisy won.

Bob Gates had a bye. In this series Bob Gates and Sloum ran a short heat. Bob had the advantage in every particular and had an easy win.

Daisy F. and Gloster ran a very long heat. Daisy had the advantage

in speed and range, in style they were about equal. Gloster did the better work on birds and won.

Bob Gates and Gloster then ran for first place and prize. Bob was the favorite, and while ranging in motion and had the advantage in style, on point they were nearly equal. Bob did much the better work on game and won.

The Champion stake closed tonight with five entries, two pointers and three setters. The following is the order of drawing: Robert is Diabie, Mainpring, Galt's Mark, Foreman and Paul Gladstones.

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

The Success of the "Future Great" Assured—New Enterprises.

SHEFFIELD, ALA., December 3.—The matter of locating the principal shops of the Memphis and Charleston railroad and of running their line through Sheffield, which was referred to the board of directors, has been settled, the proposition being accepted, and it is now a question of a short time when trains on the Memphis and Charleston will run through this city and the sound of the hammer will be heard in their shops, to be erected here. A company was formed last night to erect a large cast iron pipe works, nail works, etc., the corporation to be known as the Sheffield Pipe and Nail Company, to be organized for the purpose of making cast, wrought iron, piping, bolts, nuts, nails, screws and other articles made of iron and steel. The company is a strong one, consisting of such men as the Hon. Henry B. Cooper, of Atlanta; Moses Bros., Montgomery, Ala.; W. L. Chambers, J. R. Adams and the Hon. David Clements of Montgomery, etc. The capital stock is \$100,000, and every dollar is taken. The Hon. H. B. Tompkins is at the head of the enterprise, and that is enough to insure its success. The company has sold in the last few days about \$300,000 worth of lots. Now that the success of Sheffield is assured beyond all reasonable doubt, it is but justice to state that much is due to Capt. Alfred H. Moses, the manager, and to Col. E. W. Cole for the great interest he has taken.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

A Pioneer Dead—A Fatal Tragedy at Seaboard, Ala.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., December 3.—Mr. Robert Cravens, an East Tennessee pioneer, died at his home on Lookout Mountain, today. Mr. Cravens was the proprietor of the first iron furnace erected in the State, and has been identified with many of the early schemes for the upbuilding of the city. He came here in 1850 and has lived here ever since.

At Stevenson, Ala., yesterday, a man named Turner went to the house of a neighbor named Carter, and calling him out of his house, shot him twice, but failed to kill him. Carter then ran into his house, secured a gun, and before Turner could get out of the way, shot him dead.

The Missionary Ridge Post, Grand Army of the Republic, today elected the first woman's rifle corps in the state, and elected Mrs. Kate McIntyre as president.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

An Usher Falls a Pistol During an Exhibition.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., December 3.—At McCall's, a mile east of Knoxville, last night, Graham's school closed with an exhibition. The building was crowded and the sales fair. A. Eppes got on a bench to get a good view. Charlie Shippe, the usher, ordered him down. He refused. They quarreled, and Eppes knocked Shippe down. Eppes then drew a navy pistol and fired, missing the man. Panic stricken women fainted and children screamed. The pistol was secured. After a time the exhibition was resumed.

A big fight over the little office of Justice of the Peace is raging. Morrison is backed by the Tribune, Dickson by the Anti-Tribune. The negroes brought out a card tonight, and will elect Dickson without doubt.

WATER VALLEY, MISS.

Meet, Hail and Snow—Business.

WATER VALLEY, MISS., December 3.—The region around here has been blowing all day, accompanied by a heavy fall of sleet, hail and snow. The earth is covered two inches deep. The weather is moderating. The thermometer now 32 degrees. Business is good. Cotton receipts slightly in excess of last year.

The Removal of Vanderbilt's Body.

QUANAHUA, ILL., December 3.—The body of William H. Vanderbilt was removed today from the receiving vault in the Moravian Cemetery, at New Dorp, S. I., to its final resting place in the massive granite mausoleum on Lighthouse Hill, Ocean Terrace, the highest point in the Moravian Cemetery. The utmost precautions were taken to secure secrecy in the removal, and only the detectives who have been guarding the remains, the cemetery employees and three members of the Vanderbilt family were present. The casket was withdrawn and solemnly, without religious ceremony, escorted by the detective guard to the mausoleum. The great gate of the tomb was unlocked and the key given to the Vanderbilt family. The detective guard was removed from the receiving vault and placed on duty at the mausoleum, where they were seen at a late hour tonight pacing before the tomb with revolvers in their belts.

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Driven Ashore.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 3.—A special from Michigan City, Ind., says: The schooner Wanderer, loaded with staves, from Grand Haven for Milwaukee, was driven ashore near New Buffalo, twelve miles east of here, at an early hour this morning. The crew escaped. The particulars are meager, as none of the crew have yet arrived.

The Pittsburgh Club.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., December 3.—The Pittsburgh Baseball Club has signed McKinnon, of the St. Louis Maroons, to play first base next season. Negotiations with Whitney, of the Kansas City Club, are also in progress, and his signature to a contract is expected in a few days.

No Betterment than Salvation.

Oil, 25 cents.

SECRETARY WHITNEY'S

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF THE NAVY.

He Renews His Former Recommendation of Consolidating the Bureaus.

WASHINGTON, December 3.—The

report of Secretary of the Navy Whitney, given out tonight, opens with a renewal of his former recommendation of consolidation of bureaus, so as to insure responsibility in the purchase and care of supplies, and states that so far as his power extended he had consolidated in one bureau general purchases of the department, care and custody of stores, and creating a system of bookkeeping by which the responsibility for care and disposition could be had. The report says: "There is at present no real responsibility for the care and disposition of property. In one bureau a property account is kept, and in others none. Property lost, misused or stolen cannot be traced or accounted for, and no person can be held responsible. The Fourth Auditor, in his report just issued, calls attention to this remarkable circumstance, which was also referred to in my last annual report. The inventory shows a very large and unnecessary accumulation of stores and supplies in the different bureaus, aggregating over \$20,000,000 in appraised value. The board reports between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 in value to be obsolete and useless at the present time, only entailing expense for keepers and constant care to preserve them in condition."

Regarding the new cruisers the report says: "The experience of the department, in its first attempt at the creation of modern vessels of war, has been such as to excite the greatest concern and disappointment. In the Dolphin, Boston, Atlanta and Chicago were projected, and the contract for their construction entered into, it was well known what speed ought to be attained and what weight and character of machinery per ton of displacement was necessary to obtain it. Commercial vessels at any rate, with the exception of the Dolphin, Boston, Atlanta and Chicago were projected, and the contract for their construction entered into, it was well known what speed ought to be attained and what weight and character of machinery per ton of displacement was necessary to obtain it. 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